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QUEENS.**

HE'S DEAD,  
BATMAN. YOU  
KILLED MY  
PARTNER.

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**I AM  
BATMAN** IN

# **DARK CRISIS OF THE SOUL**

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WHAT  
THE HELL  
ARE YOU  
DOING?

YOU TOLD  
ME TO OWN UP  
TO WHAT I DID.  
FOR KILLING  
WHITAKER.

KILLING  
WHO?



WHITAKER'S  
RIGHT THERE.

...I...I  
BEAT HIM TO  
DEATH...



YOU TOLD  
ME I HAD  
TO--

I DIDN'T TELL YOU  
ANYTHING. YOU  
STARTED TALKING  
ABOUT BEING A  
COWARD...

THEN YOU  
STARTED  
GOING FOR  
MY GUN.



...I GOTTA  
GET OUT OF  
HERE...

YOU  
NEED  
HELP!



BATMAN!





...WHAT THE HELL...  
I KILLED DETECTIVE  
WHITAKER.



FELT SO REAL.  
THIS CAN'T BE--



HOOONK



HOOONK HOOONK

...VFW@!











...IT'S  
REAL...



YEAH, SAME AS YOUR  
GUILT IS REAL. SAME  
AS YOUR FEAR OF  
FAILURE. YOUR WHOLE  
LIFE YOU'VE BEEN AN  
IMPOSTOR.

SOONER  
OR LATER THE  
PEOPLE YOU CARE  
ABOUT WILL FIGURE  
THAT OUT.

SPARE  
THEM THE  
SHAME...



...AND DO  
WHAT YOU  
GOTTA.



...I...  
I HAVE  
TO...

SLIT  
YOUR  
THROAT.  
END IT.



NO.

YOU'RE  
NOT  
ENRIQUE.



YOU'RE  
RIGHT. I'M  
NOT HIM.







I AM YOUR  
WORST  
FEARS COME  
TO LIFE.



WHO THE  
HELL ARE  
YOU?

HNN. THE FACT  
THAT YOU DON'T  
KNOW MY NAME  
MEANS I'M GOING  
TO ENJOY KILLING  
YOU SO MUCH  
MORE.



YOU  
WON'T  
GET THE  
CHANCE.



THAT  
IS **NOT** HOW  
YOU ATTACK AN  
OPPONENT.









THIS BLADE IS SO FINELY HONED YOU WOULD FEEL NOTHING AS I SLIPPED IT INTO YOUR EYE.

BUT IMAGINE THE AGONY YOU'LL FEEL WHEN I EXPAND THE METAL INSIDE YOUR BRAIN.



THAT YOUR THING? YOU GET OFF TALKING ABOUT THE NASTY \*F\* YOU'RE GONNA DO?

IF YOU'RE GONNA KILL ME, JUST GET TO IT.



YOU'RE NOT AFRAID TO DIE, ARE YOU? YOUR LACK OF REGARD FOR YOURSELF, THAT'S LIKE YOUR...YOUR LITTLE SUPERPOWER.

AND **SELF-DOUBT** IS YOUR WEAKNESS.

I CAN'T SEE ALL OF YOUR LIFE. THE OTHER BATMAN HAD TRAINED HIMSELF TO COMPARTMENTALIZE HIS MEMORIES SO PEOPLE LIKE ME COULDN'T USE THEM AGAINST HIM.



BUT YOU...

YOU KEEP YOUR PAST **HIDDEN** AS THOUGH IT'S A BOX FULL OF NIGHTMARES YOU'RE AFRAID TO FACE.



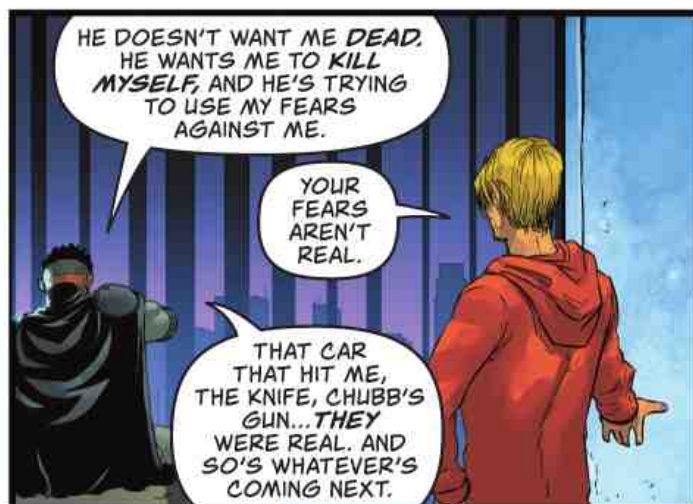
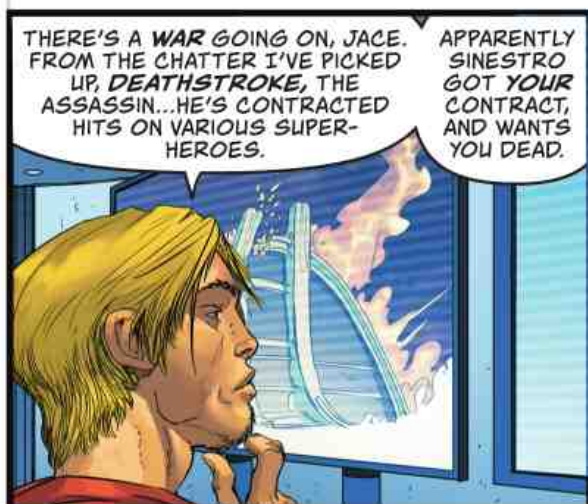
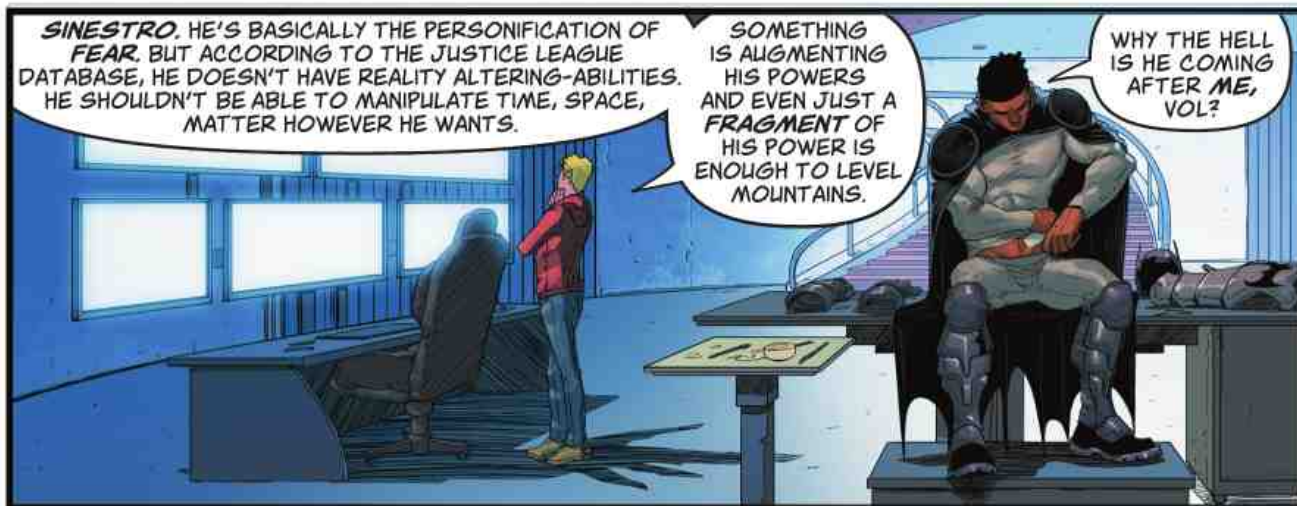
I WILL **OPEN** THE BOX. I WILL SHOW YOU YOUR **FEARS**. I WILL HAVE YOU **BEG** ME TO LET YOU DIE.

AND WHEN YOU **DO**...

















BEING  
PATIENT, *PARIAH*.  
LETTING THIS  
BATMAN SOAK IN  
APPREHENSION  
WHILE I SEARCH  
HIS MIND.

I'M ENJOYING  
HOW THE DARKNESS  
HAS EXPANDED MY  
RING'S ABILITIES  
AND I WANT TO  
SAVOR THIS.

YOU'RE  
WASTING TIME.  
HE SHOULD  
BE DEAD BY  
NOW.

THEN YOU SHOULD HAVE  
PICKED SOMEONE ELSE  
TO DO THE JOB. ALL MY  
POWERS, AND YOU HAVE  
DEATHSTROKE SEND  
ME TO KILL *FAKE*  
BATMAN?

DON'T BE  
ARROGANT.  
THIS BATMAN  
IS MORE  
RESOURCEFUL  
THAN YOU  
KNOW.

WHAT I KNOW: I COULD HAVE  
SNAPPED MY FINGERS FROM  
THREE LIGHT-YEARS AWAY  
AND TURNED HIM INTO  
A PILE OF ASH.

IF I'M NOTHING  
MORE THAN A  
MESSENGER  
OF DEATH...

...THEN MY  
REMITTANCE  
WILL BE THE  
OPPORTUNITY  
TO WATCH THIS  
PRETENDER  
CHOKE ON FEAR  
AND BEG FOR  
EXECUTION.

THEN DO IT.  
FACE HIM, OR  
FACE ME.

AS YOU  
WISH.



## HELL'S KITCHEN.

BATMAN,  
IT'S VOL. I'M  
READING A WEIRD  
ENERGY SPIKE  
AROUND YOU.  
EVERYTHING  
COOL?

...AHHH...

BATMAN, YOU  
THERE?

...VOL!

BATMAN,  
YOU READ  
ME?

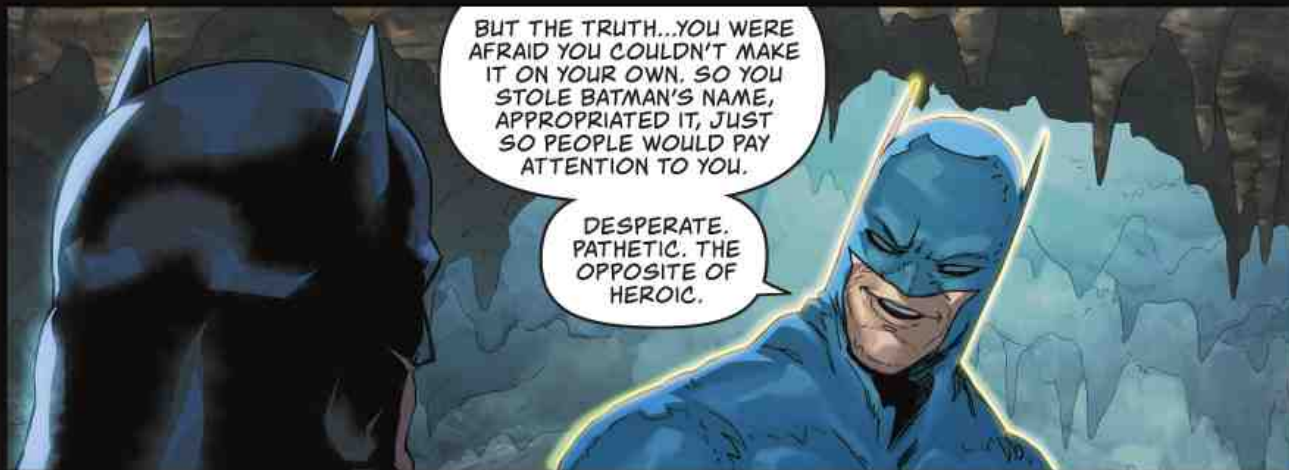
WELCOME  
TO MY WORLD,  
PRETENDER.

YOU...  
YOU'RE NOT HIM.  
YOU'RE NOT  
BATMAN.

NEITHER  
ARE YOU.

WE BOTH KNOW  
I'M A CHARLATAN.  
BUT YOU ACTUALLY  
BELIEVE YOU'RE  
SOME KIND OF  
HERO.









...HADIYAH...

I DON'T  
KNOW WHO  
SHE IS TO  
YOU, BATMAN.  
WHAT I DO  
KNOW...



YOU LOVE HER. YOU  
HAVE FOR YEARS.  
BUT YOU'VE NEVER  
EVEN TOLD HER.

SO GREAT IS  
YOUR SELF-DOUBT,  
YOU CAN'T EVEN  
EXPRESS YOUR  
EMOTIONS.

...UGGGUUU...  
PLEASE...



...SHE'S  
NOT  
REAL...

I CAN FEEL YOUR  
FEAR. IT'S DRIVEN BY  
UNCERTAINTY. THE  
ONLY THING YOU CAN  
BE CERTAIN OF IS  
THAT **ONE** OF YOU  
WILL DIE.



THE  
CHOICE IS  
YOURS.

...GUUUUUHHH...



...I'M  
BEGGING...  
PLEASE...  
DON'T LET  
HIM...

...BATMAN!











I AM  
BATMAN.

SINESTRO,  
YOU BLEW  
IT.

...I...  
I CAN STILL  
KILL HIM,  
PARIAH...

TOO LATE,  
TOLD YOU  
BEFORE:  
IT'S EITHER  
HIM...

OR  
YOU.

NO!  
PARIAH...

DOOOOON'T!!

BATMAN,  
YOU THERE?

YEAH,  
I'M HERE, VOL.  
SINESTRO'S  
GONE.

WHOA, WAIT...  
HE'S GONE?  
YOU WON?

I HAVEN'T "WON"  
ANYTHING, VOL. LIKE  
YOU SAID: THERE'S A  
WAR GOING ON.

AND  
SUPERMAN  
NEEDS A  
BATMAN.

SO I'M  
GOING.

GOING  
WHERE?



"TO THE HALL  
OF JUSTICE."

"I'M GOING  
TO HELP."



NEXT:  
**EMBRACE!**



THESE MISSING SIDEKICKS FROM THE PAST ARE THE KEY TO DC'S FUTURE!

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## THE LOST CHILDREN



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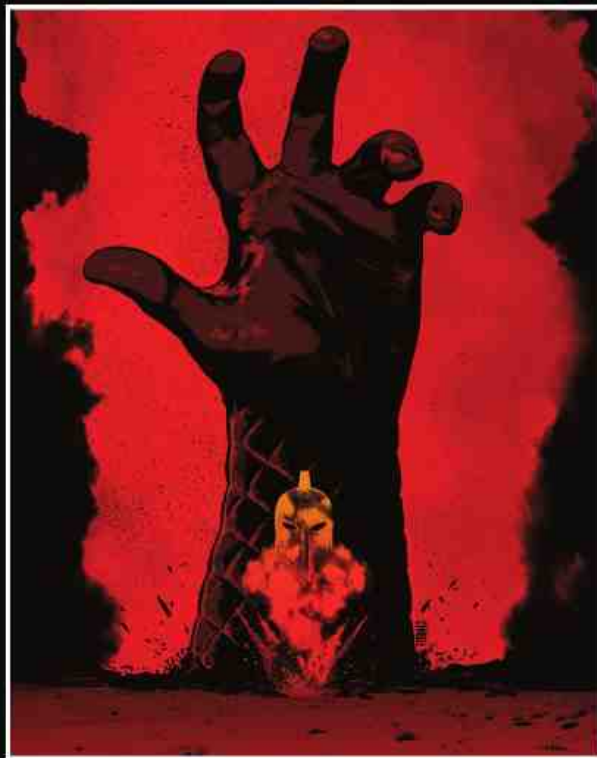




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